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Via Overnight Delivery

June 20, 2014

Ms. Catrice Williams, Secretary  
Massachusetts Department of  
Telecommunications and Cable  
1000 Washington Street, Suite 820  
Boston, MA 02118-6500

Re: Granite Telecommunications LLC - Tariff Advice Letter No. 9

Dear Ms. Williams:

Enclosed for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") are an original, one three-hole punched, and four (4) copies of revised Sheets 2, 86, 90 and 93 for incorporation into Granite Telecommunications Inc. LLC's ("Granite") switched exchange access telecommunications service tariff, Massachusetts D.T.E. Tariff No 2. Also enclosed is the \$100.00 tariff filing fee.

This submission is made pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, in Docket Nos. WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*, FCC 11-161,<sup>1</sup> *Second Order on Reconsideration* in Docket Nos. WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*, FCC 12-47,<sup>2</sup> Sections 51.911 and 61.26(c)<sup>3</sup> of the FCC's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§51.911, 61.26(c), and the Department's May 1, 2014 *Notice RE: 2014 Intercarrier Compensation Rate Reduction Tariff Filings* ("Notice").

With this submission, Granite establishes a single composite terminating switched exchange access rate set at the Company's direct access rate. This terminating switched access rate remains below the Verizon Telephone Companies ("Verizon") composite terminating access rate, which includes FCC-ordered end office rate elements reductions, as set forth in Verizon's Tariff F.C.C. No. 11, Section 31 filed on June 16, 2014, and effective July 1, 2014.

<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Dkt. No. 10-90 *et al.*, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*), *pets. for review pending*, *Direct Commc'ns Cedar Valley, LLC v. FCC*, No. 11-9581 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011) (and consolidated cases).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 12-47 (rel. April 25, 2014)

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Section 61.26(c), "The benchmark rate for a CLEC's switched exchange access services will be the rate charged for similar services by the competing ILEC. If an ILEC to which a CLEC benchmarks its rates, pursuant to this section, lowers the rate to which a CLEC benchmarks, the CLEC must revise its rates to the lower level **within 15 days of the effective date of the lowered ILEC rate.**" [Emphasis supplied].

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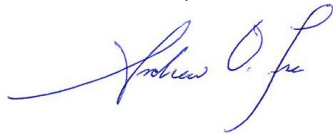
Granite further bifurcates the toll VoIP-PSTN traffic rate into an originating and terminating rate, and reduces the intrastate terminating toll VoIP-PSTN traffic rate by adopting the composite interstate and intrastate terminating switched access rate for terminating toll VoIP-PSTN traffic. This amendment becomes effective on July 1, 2014. The Company's F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 may be viewed at <https://apps.fcc.gov/etfs/public/tariff.action?idTariff=442>.

An electronic copy of this submission has been submitted to the Department electronically as directed by the *Notice*.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping and returning the additional copy of this transmittal letter in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided for this purpose. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Questions may be directed to the undersigned at the above address, telephonically at 253.851.6700, or via electronic mail at [aisar@millerisar.com](mailto:aisar@millerisar.com).

Sincerely,

MILLER ISAR, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew O. Isar", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew O. Isar

Regulatory Consultants to  
Granite Telecommunications, LLC

Enclosures

CHECK SHEET

The sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. The original and revised sheets named below contain all changes from the original tariff and are in effect on the date shown. An asterisk (\*) reflects the revision number of sheets included in a current filing with the Commission.

<u>Sheet</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Sheet</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Sheet</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Sheet</u>	<u>Revision</u>
1	Original	29	Original	57	Original	85	Original
2	Fourth*	30	Original	58	Original	86	Second*
3	First	31	Original	59	Original	87	First
4	First	32	Original	60	Original	88	First
5	Original	33	Original	61	Original	89	First
6	Original	34	Original	62	Original	90	Third*
7	Original	35	Original	63	Original	91	Original
8	Original	36	Original	64	Original	92	Original
9	Original	37	Original	65	Original	93	Second*
10	Original	38	Original	66	Original		
11	Original	39	Original	67	Original		
12	Original	40	Original	68	Original		
13	Original	41	Original	69	Original		
14	Original	42	Original	70	Original		
15	Original	43	Original	71	Original		
16	Original	44	Original	72	Original		
17	Original	45	Original	73	Original		
18	Original	46	Original	74	Original		
19	Original	47	Original	75	Original		
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26	Original	54	Original	82	Original		
27	Original	55	Original	83	Original		
28	Original	56	Original	84	Original		

Issued: June 23, 2014

Effective: July 1, 2014

Issued By:

Robert T. Hale, Jr.  
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SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (cont'd)

3.3 Voice over Internet Protocol – Public Switched Telephone Network (“VoIP -PSTN”)  
Traffic

3.3.1. Identification and Treatment of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

- A) Company is entitled to compensation on traffic exchanged with Customers when such traffic originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol format, as set forth in Section 51.913 of the Federal Communications Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §51.913, regardless of whether the Company itself delivers such traffic to the called party’s premises or delivers the call to the called party’s premises via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated provider of interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service.
- B) Intrastate VoIP – PSTN traffic minutes are subject to the rates-set forth in Section 5.4 below. (T)  
(T)
- C) A Customer delivering traffic to Company will identify the percentage of traffic that is VOIP – PSTN Traffic (“Percentage VOIP Usage” or “PVU”) and will provide a traffic study or similar analysis that is acceptable to the Company and is subject to audit. If a Customer fails to provide this information, Company will assign a default PVU equal to zero.
- D) Customer will not modify its reported Percentage of Interstate Usage factor to account for Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic.

RATES5.1 Access Service5.1.1 Service OrdersNonrecurring  
Charge

A)	Service Implementation	First	Add'l
1)	Installation Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00
2)	Access Order Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00
3)	Cancellation Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00

5.1.2 Switched Access

## Originating Access

Direct access, per minute of use	\$0.003722
Tandem access, per minute of use	\$0.005250

## Terminating Access

Per minute of use	\$0.003722	(T)
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RATES (cont'd)5.3 Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge

Multi-Line Business, per line	\$4.31
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5.4 VoIP-PSTN Traffic

Per origination minute of use	\$0.004360	(T)
Per terminating minute of use	\$0.003722	(R)